

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

AN OVERVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

JN. 5:39



Jn. 5:39 “**Search the scriptures....they are they which testify of me.**”

Jn. 5:46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for **he wrote of me.**

Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were **written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

A few weeks ago, we began looking at the 10 plagues that God brought upon Egypt before the Exodus of His people from their bondage. The climax of the plagues was the death of all the firstborn:

Ex. 4:22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, **Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:**

23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and **if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.**

Ex. 11:5 And **all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant** that *is* behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.

The deliverance of the death of the firstborn resulted in obedience to the Lord's demands regarding the Passover. God's judgment was upon Pharaoh and the land of Egypt, but the Israelites were required to have a spotless lamb slain, and its blood applied to the door posts, or they would face the same suffering.

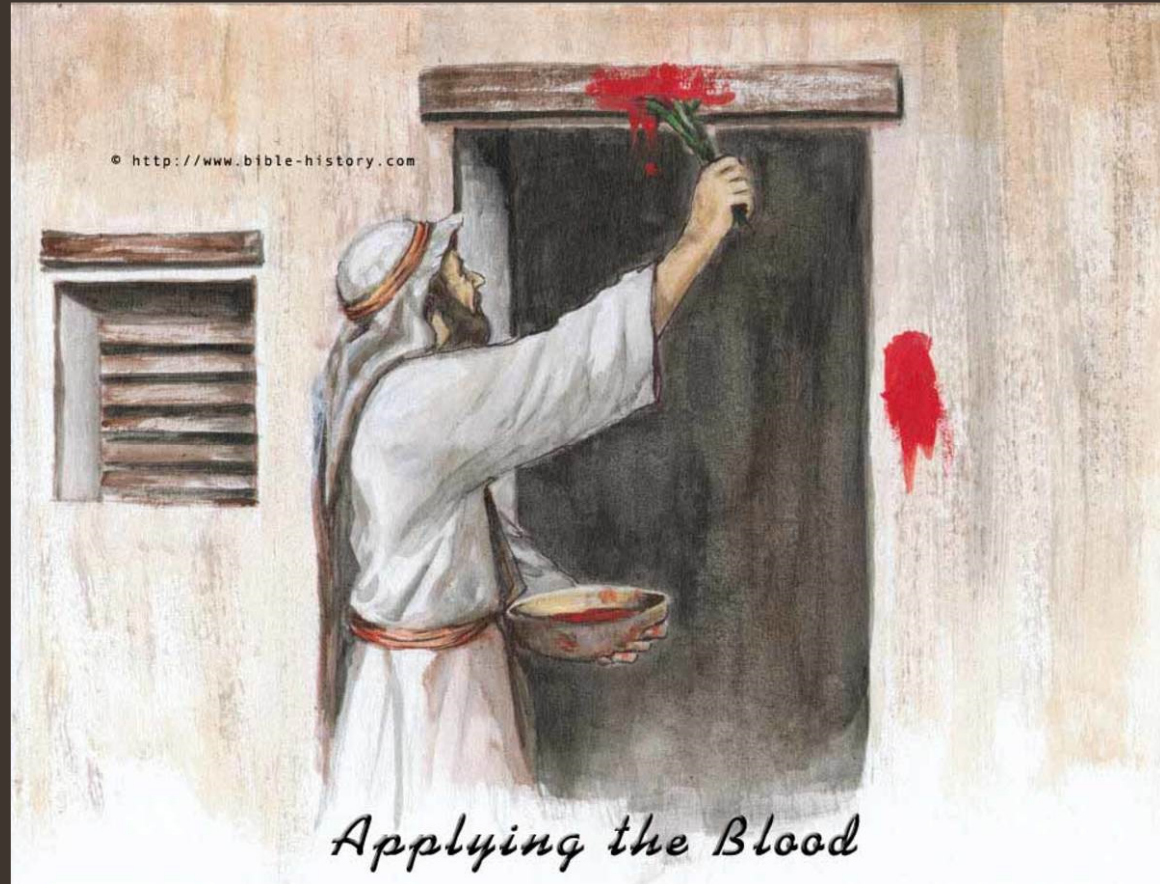
Ex. 12:7 And **they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses,** wherein they shall eat it.

Ex. 12:12 For **I will pass through the land of Egypt this night,** and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and **against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.**

13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are*: and **when I see the blood, I will pass over you,** and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, **when I smite the land of Egypt.**

I. THE PRONOUNCEMENT, 12:1-2

II. THE PROCEDURE, 12:3-11



III. THE PASSOVER, 12:12-13

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Tonight, we will observe the particulars that Moses taught to the Israelites regarding the Passover, which were also designed for the present and future generations. Ultimately, these teachings are to represent and honor the Lord Jesus Christ and are an example of “closed communion.”

IV. THE PARTICULARS, 12:14-51

- ❖ In Ex. 12:14-20, the key words are *memorial*, *ordinance*, *feast of unleavened bread*, as well as some restrictions regarding participants.

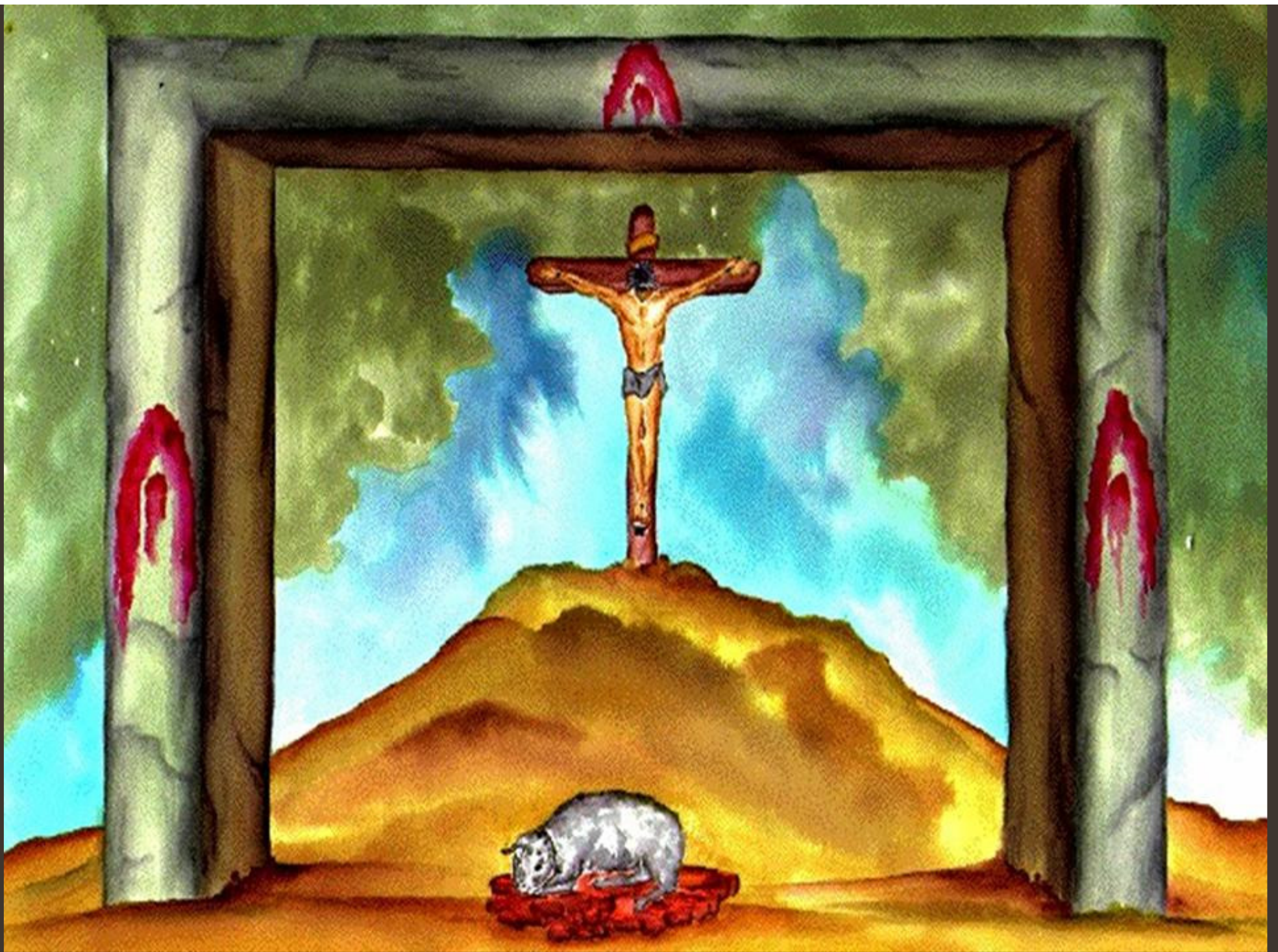
Ex. 12:14 And this day shall be unto you for **a memorial**; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by **an ordinance for ever**.

17 And ye shall observe **the feast of unleavened bread**; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by **an ordinance** for ever. (Connect with Acts 12:3-4 and “Easter.”)

- ❖ In Ex. 12:21-28, Moses directed the elders regarding the process of the Passover to be followed and its importance in the future. The LORD directed the actions of *the destroyer*, and prepared the future generations for their responsibilities in teaching their children. The future generations were to know about “the LORD’S passover.”



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12:23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer **the destroyer** to come in unto your houses to smite *you*...

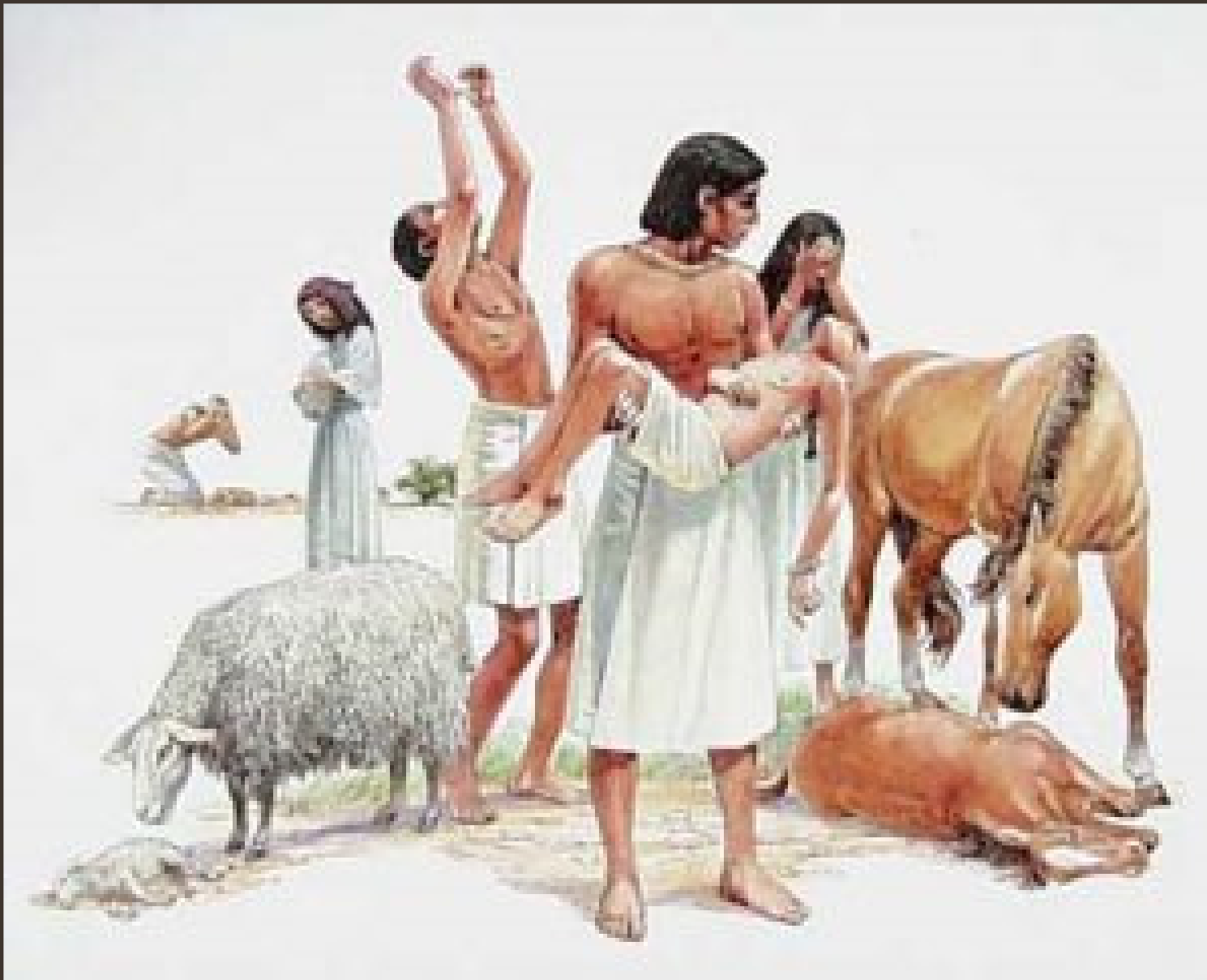
26 And it shall come to pass, **when your children shall say unto you**, What mean ye by this service?

27 That ye shall say, **It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover**, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

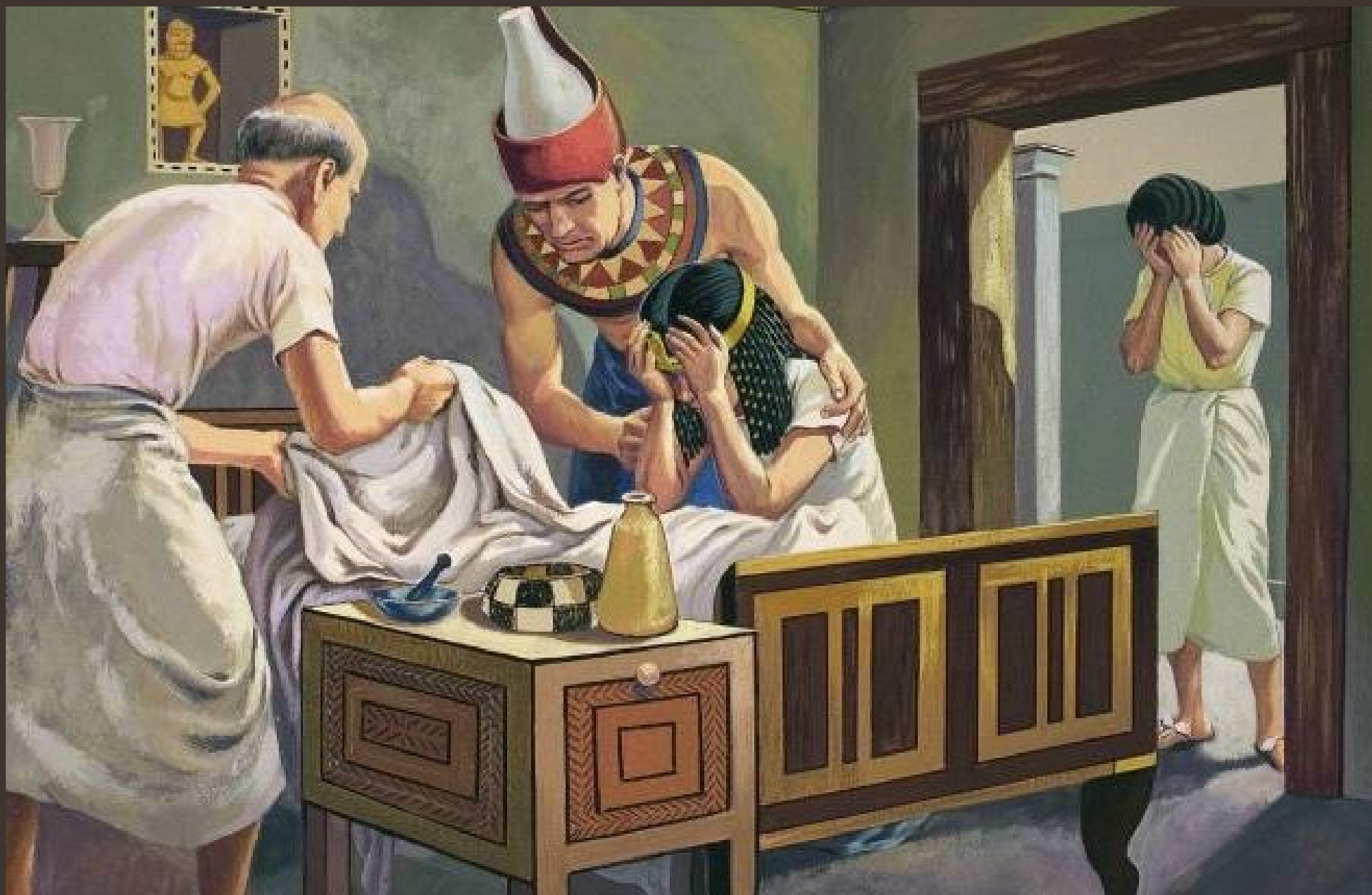
❖ In Ex. 12:29-30, the details of the great event, the Passover, are given.

12:29 And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that *was* in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and **there was a great cry in Egypt**; for ***there was not a house where there was not one dead.***



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- ❖ In Ex. 12:31-32, Pharaoh called for Moses and told him to take the children, flocks, herds – everyone and everything and get out of Egypt.
- ❖ In Ex. 12:33-36, the children of Israel took unleavened dough, borrowed riches, etc.

Ex. 12:35 And **the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses**; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:

36 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them *such things as they required*. And **they spoiled the Egyptians**.

❖ In Ex. 12:37-39, the exodus from Egypt commences:

Ex. 12:37 And **the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth**, about six hundred thousand on foot *that were* men, beside children.

38 And **a mixed multitude went up also with them**; and flocks, and herds, *even* very much cattle.

39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

- About 2-3 million people began the trek to the Promised Land. Included within the group were Egyptians – “a mixed multitude.”

Traditional Location for Mount Sinai



❖ In Ex. 12:40-42, Israel leaves Egypt after 430 years.

Ex. 12:42 It *is* a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: **this *is* that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.**

❖ In Ex. 12:43-49, the very first Passover came with restrictions:

➤ The Passover was called an “ordinance,” like the Lord’s Supper and baptism for today – v. 43.

- Those to partake were restricted – only those circumcised were eligible – vs. 44-45, 48.
- The Passover was for “one house” in the “congregation” – v. 46-47.
- The Passover was to be without respect of persons “homeborn and...stranger.”

❖ In Ex. 12:50-51, the children of Israel were obedient to Moses, but the credit of the exodus was given to the LORD

Ex. 12:50 Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

51 And it came to pass the selfsame day, *that* **the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.**

Summary

- ❖ The Lord demonstrated His power over the pagan idolaters of Egypt, and established the Passover for the deliverance of His firstborn, Israel.

Ex. 4:22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, **Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:**

23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and **if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.**

- ❖ After 430 years in Egypt, the exodus began.

Conclusion

The LORD delivered Israel by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psa. 77:20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.